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In re Application of:

Hirotaka TODAKA et al.

Application No.: 10/782,759

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METHOD AND APPARATUS OF

METAL MATERIAL

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 3, 2006, and pursuant to

37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

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